

# WHY DO I *HAVE TO GO* TO CHURCH?

We're not *going to church*; *YOU are* the Church—and we go to worship so that we learn how to be church.

You need the gifts of worship because you will learn things there that will make sense later . . . . .

If you pay close attention to the words of the songs and the Scripture readings and the liturgy, you will learn all kinds of new things about God . . . . . All of life is an adventure in getting to know God better, but worship is especially rich with God's presence.

Attending worship will teach you skills for your Christian life—skills like how to pray, how to sit quietly in God's presence, how to study the Bible . . . . .

The congregation needs the talents you bring to worship—your singing voice in the hymns, your ability to learn new songs quickly, your ability to read Scripture lessons well, your help with the ushering and beadling, your warmth and friendliness in the Passing of the Peace, the help and answers you give during the Children's Message, your modeling of reverence for the other children and visitors.

***Most important, God needs you there because God loves to be with you in God's house.***